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ABSTRACT

A liquid-development electrophotographic apparatus uses a nonvolatile liquid developer. An electric field force causes a toner to adhere to an electrostatic latent image formed on a photoconductive member and to thereby form a toner image on the photoconductive member. The liquid-development electrophotographic apparatus includes viscoelasticity control unit to control the viscoelasticity of the toner image transferred from the photoconductive member onto an intermediate transfer member. A temperature of the liquid toner is set to achieve a predetermined dynamic viscoelastic value. Before the toner image is transferred onto a printing medium, the viscoelasticity control unit controls a heater to heat the toner image on the intermediate transfer member at the temperature corresponding to the predetermined dynamic viscoelastic value. A carrier-agent-removing roller of reverse rotation removes a carrier agent from the toner image whose viscoelasticity has been controlled.